



2005 Summer Programs

Weekly Programs

Pig War Story Guided Walk - Park rangers and volunteers describe events leading up to and including the Pig War and the peaceful joint occupation of San Juan Island by British and American troops. *Walks are scheduled 11:30 a.m., Saturdays, June 4 to September 3 at American Camp.*

Living History: Life during the Joint Military Occupation on San Juan Island - Park rangers and volunteers create military and civilian life during the island's early pioneer period. Activities include blacksmithing, coopering, weaving, needlework and exhibitions of military equipment and skills. *12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Saturdays, June 4 to August 28 on the English Camp parade ground.*

Wildlife in the San Juan Islands - Puzzled by an animal or bird? Wolf Hollow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Education Coordinator Shona Aitken answers questions and uses a variety of media to talk about wildlife in the San Juan Islands. *1 to 3 p.m., Fridays, June 10 to September 3, English Camp (next to barracks).*

Historical Songs at English Camp - Folk singer and musicologist Michael Cohen strolls the grounds inviting visitors to listen or sing along to a selection of traditional songs. Cohen's roots go back to the Washington Square folk movement in 1950's New York City. He has played with everyone from Pete Seeger to the New Lost City Ramblers. *Noon, Sundays, June 5 to September 4, on the English Camp parade ground.*

Special Programs

Ancient Visitors: Tracing the pre- history of San Juan Island through archaeology — University of Washington archaeologist, Dr. Julie Stein, traces ancient habitation of San Juan Island in this guided walk on the American Camp prairie. *10 a.m., Saturday, June 4, South Beach main parking area at American Camp.*

NW Coast Native Artist To Speak at English Camp - - Kwagiutl carver Stan Hunt and possibly several other members of the renowned Hunt family of NW Coast artists, will exhibit and discuss his work, which includes carving, painting and print making. *2 p.m., Saturday, June 4, English Camp barracks.*

The Birds of American Camp – Come join San Juan Island bird expert and former national park ranger Barbara Jensen for a colorful 90- minute walk through American Camp's prairies. The program is suitable for beginning as well as veteran birders and provides insights into the park's rich flora and fauna. *7:30 a.m., Sunday, June 5, American Camp visitor center.*

Otter Pelts and Silk: The Quest for Empire in the Pacific Northwest – Learn about San Juan island's direct connection to the China trade and the struggle for empire between the Spanish, British and United States fur trading companies and governments in this program with historian Mike Vouri. *2 p.m., Saturday, June 18. English Camp barracks.*

Tide pool Walk at Grandma's Cove: Learn about plant and animal life, from algae to invertebrate animals, during this tide pool walk with biologist Bob Lemon and naturalist Annie Prevost. Bring rubber boots and an old towel for use as a knee –pad and hand wiper. Also bring sun screen, rain gear. Some agility is required for jumping around slippery rocks. *Noon, Saturday, June 25, meets in the American Camp visitor center parking area.*

The People of the Cedar — Richard Vanderway, education coordinator for Bellingham's Whatcom Museum, makes his seventh annual presentation in the park with an array of objects to provide a glimpse of Northwest Coast Indian culture. *2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 9, English Camp barracks.*

Gunsmithing on the Frontier – San Juan islander Greg Hertel presents a living history exhibit of period fire arms and demonstrates gunsmithing techniques on his collection of 19th century firearms. *1:00 p.m., Sunday, July 10, English Camp parade ground.*

Pickett's Irish: The Irish in the U.S. Army in the 1850's – Historian Mike Vouri and folk musician Michael Cohen present this new program that takes a closer look at the Irish in the U.S. Army in words and song. *1 p.m., Sunday, July 17, English Camp barracks.*



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The Life and Times of General George Pickett – Historian Mike Vouri and folk musician Michael Cohen present an evening of drama and song as George Pickett comes back to life to talk about his days on the frontier and Civil War battlefields. *Fridays, July 22 and August 26. All shows 8 p.m., San Juan Community Theatre & Art Centre. Tickets: \$10.00 adults; \$6.00 students. Tickets are available at the San Juan Community Theatre. Call (360)378- 3210.*

Northwest Pioneer Folkways Demonstrations - Janet Oakley, education coordinator for the Skagit County Historical Museum in LaConner, demonstrates pioneer folkways from butter churning to Dutch oven baking and other tasks. *Noon to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 23, English Camp.*

In Concert: Sugar on the Floor- Folk singer Michael Cohen and the group "Sugar on the Floor" present a variety of songs from the 19th century and other genres. Cohen has worked with the Smithsonian Institution in searching for and cataloging American folk tunes. *7 p.m., Saturday, July 23, English Camp barracks.*

Weaving and Wattle - - In the first of the summer's weaving programs, Anita Barreca and Roger Ellison demonstrate the techniques that permitted Pacific Northwest pioneers to make use of their environments. *1 p.m., Sunday, July 24, English Camp barracks.*

Soldier Games - Are your competitive juices bubbling? If so join park rangers and volunteers for the second annual "Soldier Games," an afternoon of competitions featuring the very events in which U.S. Soldiers and Royal Marines competed during the joint occupation. *1 p.m., Sunday, July 31, English Camp parade ground.*

A Weaving Legacy - - Join Cowlitz Nation weaver Judy Bridges and Fort Nisqually interpreter and storyteller Karen Haas for a fun afternoon of weaving with all- natural fibers, including wild reeds. Bridges is a direct descendent of Hudson's Bay Company pioneers. *Noon, Saturday, August 6, English Camp parade ground.*

Dresses, Drawers & More: The Importance of Dress and Style in the 1860s – Veteran Encampment participants Anne Lorgen, Sandra MacKinnon and Judy Leclercq will demonstrate first hand how complicated and time consuming dressing was for the 19th century woman. *1 p.m., Saturday, August 13, English Camp barracks.*

Safe Passage: The U.S. Coast Survey Steamer *Active* on the West Coast in the 1850s: The Coast Survey Steamer *Active* not only performed hydrographic surveys on coastal and inland waterways, but also played a key role in the settlement of the region. Historian Mike Vouri presents this Power Point slide program based on current research. *2 p.m., Saturday, August 20, English Camp barracks.*

Encampment 2005 - Join park rangers and volunteers as they host re- enactors from throughout the Pacific Northwest to recreate life on San Juan Island at mid- 19th century. Encampment 2005 includes camp life, blacksmithing, woodworking, drilling and cookery. Highlight of the weekend is Saturday's Candlelight Ball, an evening of dancing and refreshments from 7 to 10 p.m. *All day, Saturday and Sunday, August 27-28, English Camp.*

All programs are free and open to the public, except where noted. Programs are subject to change. For updates and accessibility information, call San Juan Island National Historical Park at (360)378- 2902 or (360)378- 2240.

